

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Working together enables us to provide the very best educational opportunities for our children and the staff and I are immensely proud of all that we have achieved as a school community this year.

A Year of Achievement

This has been a year filled with learning, growth and success. Our pupils have demonstrated resilience, determination, and enthusiasm in all aspects of school life. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, through music and the arts or during educational visits, they have embraced every opportunity and represented the school with pride.

We are particularly pleased with the excellent progress pupils have made academically. Their hard work, supported by dedicated staff and families, has resulted in many individual and collective achievements that deserve recognition and celebration.

KS1 Phonics Screening Check

We are delighted to share that 96% of our pupils achieved the statutory pass mark in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. Congratulations to all the children for their hard work and dedication and our sincere thanks to the Year 1 teaching team for their outstanding efforts in supporting this achievement.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

In May, our Year 4 pupils completed the Key Stage 2 statutory Multiplication Tables Check. We are pleased to report that pupils achieved excellent results, with every child meeting the expected standard in this national assessment.

We would like to thank the Year 4 teaching team for their commitment and congratulate all of our Year 4 pupils on their fantastic achievement and hard work.

Year 6 Secondary School Destinations 2026–2027

We are delighted to announce another exceptional year of secondary school placements for our Year 6 pupils.

Almost all pupils have been offered places at their first-choice state and maintained secondary schools across London. In addition, those pupils who sat the Common Entrance examinations achieved outstanding results, with many receiving offers from some of the country's most prestigious independent secondary schools.

These remarkable achievements are a testament to our pupils' diligence, determination, resilience and focus throughout their preparations. We are immensely proud of all that they have accomplished and the maturity and commitment they have demonstrated along the way. We extend our warmest congratulations to all our school leavers and thank our dedicated staff and supportive families for their invaluable contribution to this success.

Secondary Schools	Offers	Acceptance	Status
Westminster Upper	1	1	Bursary
St Marylebone School	7	2	
St Augustine	0	0	
Latymer Upper	3	2	1 scholarship
Francis Holland Sloane Square	2	0	
South Hampstead High	1	0	
Henrietta Barnet	2	0	
Francis Holland-Regents Park	1	0	
St Pauls' Girls	2	1	Bursary
City of London Girls	5	1	
CFBL	1	1	
Twyford Secondary	5	3	Music scholarship
North London Collegiate	2	0	Academic Scholarship
UCS	2	0	
Godolphin & Latymer Girls	2	1	
St Benedict's Secondary	1	0	
Queens College	2	1	Drama & sport Bursary
Chelsea Academy	1	1	
Emmanuel College	1	0	
Grey Coat Hospital	1	1	Language scholarship
Reading Blue Coat	1	0	
Reading Secondary	1	0	
Holland Park	2	1	
Notting Hill & Ealing High	1	1	
Channing School	2	0	
St Thomas More	1	1	
Paddington Academy	2	2	

Class Staffing Allocation 2026-2027

I wish to take this opportunity to share some important information about our staffing structure and the dedicated team who support your child/children's learning and wellbeing every day.

Our Leadership Team

Hampden Gurney is fortunate to have a strong leadership team that ensures consistency, quality teaching and ambitious outcomes for all our pupils. The Leadership Team, supported by our governing body:

- Sets a clear whole-school vision rooted in our Christian values and commitment to excellence.
- Monitors the quality of teaching, learning and assessment across the school.
- Supports the professional development of all staff.
- Ensures that every child receives the support they need to thrive.

Teaching and Support Staff

Our teaching and support staff are central to what we do. They bring creativity, subject knowledge and care to their classrooms every day. We have:

- Subject Leaders who drive curriculum implementation and continuous improvement in their areas.

- Teaching Assistants who provide targeted support to pupils, including those with additional needs.
- Specialist Staff who enrich learning through music, physical education, art/craft and other specialist areas.
- Administrative Team who ensures our school runs smoothly and safely.

Collectively, we work to ensure that every pupil at Hampden Gurney has access to high quality teaching, impactful learning, appropriate care and support by working closely with parents and carers as partners in their child's learning journey.

Staff Departures

We will be saying goodbye to some valued members of our teaching staff at the end of the term. While we are naturally sad to see them leave, we celebrate the wonderful contributions they have made to our school community and wish them every success in their future endeavours. Their dedication to our pupils' learning and development has been greatly appreciated.

Year 6 Class Teacher – Miss Chloe Lovett

Miss Chloe Lovett will be returning to Australia having been an effective and highly valued member of staff. Her commitment to pupils and colleagues has made her a popular teacher within the school community and she will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils. We thank her for her contribution to the school and wish her and her family well for the future.

Year 3 Class Teacher – Mr Pravesh Sangha

Mr Pravesh Sangha joined Hampden Gurney three years ago as a temporary support teacher and we were delighted when he chose to remain with the school following the completion of his initial contract.

Through his strong classroom practice and effective behaviour management, Mr Sangha has played a significant role in supporting the current Year 3 cohort to help close learning gaps and build confidence. Mr Sangha has led Religious Education with dedication and professionalism, ensuring the subject is well prepared for the forthcoming SIAMS inspection.

Year 4 – Maternity Leave Announcement

We are delighted to congratulate Ms Irina Panas on her pregnancy.

Ms Panas will commence maternity leave at the end of September 2026 and is expected to return in June 2027. We have appointed a teacher to provide cover for the duration of her maternity leave during the 2026–27 academic year. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing the littlest Panas soon!

Continuity and Quality

Please be assured that we have robust succession planning in place to ensure continuity and consistency in the quality of teaching and learning. Our middle and senior leaders work closely with departing colleagues to ensure a smooth transition and we are confident that all our pupils will continue to receive the highest-quality education the school is able to offer. Our commitment to supporting every child's learning remains unwavering.

New Teacher Recruitment for 2026–2027

Year 2 Class Teacher – Ms Ines Lynch

Ms Ines Lynch is an experienced primary teacher with 18 years of service across KS1 and KS2. She has successfully led English, Mathematics and Art and brings strong expertise in literacy, assessment and curriculum development through her NPQLL, CELTA and PGCE qualifications.

Ms Lynch's high-quality teaching, strong pupil outcomes and inclusive practice will positively support our school improvement and raising standards across the school.

Year 3 Class Teacher – Ms Michaela Power

Ms Michaela Power is an experienced primary teacher with expertise across KS1 and Lower KS2. She has led Year 2 and Year 3 teams, mentored Early Career Teachers and supported high-quality curriculum delivery.

As Humanities Lead, Ms Power will help strengthen our curriculum provision and contribute to whole-school development. She brings specialist expertise in EAL, SEND, wellbeing and oracy, supported by extensive professional development.

Year 6 Class Teacher – Ms Sara Pollock

Ms Sara Pollock is an experienced and research-informed primary teacher with teaching experience in Scotland and Dubai. She specialises in literacy, inclusive practice and supporting diverse learners, including EAL and ASN pupils.

Currently leading English in a school with over 450 pupils, Ms Pollock combines strong curriculum knowledge with an evidence-based approach to raising attainment, promoting positive behaviour and strengthening partnerships with families.

Class Staffing Allocation

Classes	Classteachers	Teaching Assistants/Support Staff
Nursery	Miss Iqra Ali	Ms Debbie Mulloy & Mrs Marian Lyons
Reception	Ms Robyn Broaders	Ms Jenny Cabarillos
Year 1	Ms Stefani Tsoli	Mr Juan Eden-Brown
Year 2	Ms Ines Lynch	Ms Joy Cobacha
Year 3	Ms Michaela Power	Ms Xiaoxue Li
Year 4	Ms Rachael Brown	Mrs Teresa Kennedy
Year 5	Mr Andrew McIntyre	Mrs Vivienne Law
Year 6	Miss Sara Pollock	Mrs Jane Lee
SENCO Senior Leaders	Ms Eva Valverde Mrs Evelyn Chua Ms Stefani Tsoli	Support and Intervention Teachers

Highlights from this Term

Some of the many memorable moments have included:

Confirmation Classes

Father Lincoln recently led a series of confirmation lessons for seven of our Year 5 and 6 pupils in preparation for their Confirmation on 5th July. The service was held at the Church of the Annunciation, where pupils were confirmed by Bishop Rob Wickham. Father Lincoln reported that the pupils were “*articulate, knowledgeable, and asked thoughtful questions*” throughout their classes, demonstrating maturity and a strong understanding of their faith.

Confirmation is an important rite of passage for all baptised children and adults, marking a deepening of their commitment to the Christian faith and the strengthening of their relationship with God. ... *a commitment to prayer and worship... a deep understanding that we are all equal and made in the image of God.*

Sports Day

Sports Day was successfully led by Ms Stefani Tsoli, whose careful planning, organisation and oversight ensured that the event ran smoothly and efficiently. Parental attendance was excellent, making a positive contribution to the supportive and celebratory atmosphere. Pupils participated enthusiastically and behaved superbly throughout and the day concluded without incident, supported by favourable weather conditions.

Fundraising School Musical

The annual fundraising musical was a tremendous success. We were honoured to welcome the Lord Mayor of Westminster as one of our distinguished guests.

This year’s production of *The Lion King* was the culmination of months of dedication from pupils across the school. Led by Mrs Chua, Ms Jane and Ms Li, the aspirational production received exceptional support from our parent community through donations, costumes, make-up, catering and volunteer assistance.

The musical showcased the strength of our fine arts curriculum and was a remarkable educational achievement. Pupils performed to an exceptionally high standard in singing, dancing and drama, demonstrating teamwork, commitment and enthusiasm throughout. The school orchestra also rose admirably to the challenge, delivering a performance of which we can all be proud.

We extend our sincere thanks to the production team, staff and parents who supported the event, both in preparation and on the evening of 3 July. We are also grateful to the governors, parents and friends who attended and helped make the occasion such a memorable success.

Proceeds from this fundraising event will be used to purchase new dining tables in the school hall to replace the aging and unsafe furniture for the start of the new academic year.

PTA Rooftop Auction

Due to the recent heatwave, our PTA Rooftop Auction was postponed until 10 July.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to our dedicated PTA and parent community for their continued commitment to ensuring this event could go ahead. Their unwavering support is a true reflection of the strength of our school community.

We are especially grateful for the many ways families and staff have contributed, whether through the generous donation of their time, financial support, or auction items. Your kindness and involvement have been instrumental in making this event possible.

Funds raised through the auction will enrich teaching and learning across the school by helping to provide specialist teachers in **Music, Physical Education, and Art**. This valuable contribution will enhance our curriculum and create even greater learning opportunities for our children.

Thank you once again for your generosity, enthusiasm, and support. We look forward to welcoming everyone for another wonderful evening on 10 July.

International Initiatives - Serving the Global Community

In June, our school welcomed three Swiss trainee teachers from the Zurich University of Teacher Education for a three-week placement. This visit is part of a long-standing partnership that has grown steadily over the past seven years. During this time, we have developed close links with the University, regularly hosting trainee teachers to share good practice, exchange teaching pedagogies, and strengthen international collaboration.

Our staff consistently provide a warm, supportive and enriching experience for all trainees, ensuring they feel valued, included, and fully immersed in school life. This ongoing relationship continues to benefit both institutions, fostering professional growth and cultural exchange. ... *relationships with each other, our local community and global companions leads us to want to care and serve others.*”

Global Learning Journey: Building Confident, Connected Learners

Our international partnerships continue to flourish following the successful Immersive Programme in February, subsequent school visits, and participation in an educational conference in Beijing. Building on these strong foundations, we are launching an innovative online learning programme for 15 pupils in Years 5 and 6, delivered in partnership with a leading school in Beijing. Through collaborative projects and language acquisition opportunities, the programme is designed to broaden horizons, develop future-ready skills, and foster meaningful international connections.

Premises and Energy Expenditure

We are very grateful to parents who have shared their concerns and suggestions to help the school address the high energy costs and expenditure across the school site.

Over many years, the school has been actively investigating the causes of these costs and exploring ways to reduce energy consumption and expenditure. We have worked with numerous energy specialists and consultants to identify underlying issues, improve efficiency, achieve cost savings and strengthen our overall energy management practices.

In addition, we have engaged the support of the LDBS Building Maintenance Team, energy surveyors, and engineers to review the factors that may be contributing to our current levels of energy usage and expenditure. Despite these extensive efforts, we have not yet identified a solution that delivers significant reductions in consumption or costs.

As a result, energy expenditure continues to represent a substantial and ongoing pressure on the school's budget. We remain committed to exploring further opportunities to improve

energy efficiency and reduce costs wherever possible, while ensuring that the school continues to provide a safe, comfortable, and effective learning environment for all pupils and staff.

Thank You to Governors

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to all governors for your ongoing dedication, commitment, and service to our school community.

Governors play a vital role as the school's *critical friends*, providing both support and challenge to ensure that we continue to offer the very best education for our pupils. They provide strategic leadership in shaping and implementing our school vision, holding the Headteacher and Staff to account for educational performance, and overseeing the effective management of the school's finances.

Governors' time, expertise, important decision-making and monitoring processes help ensure that our school remains ambitious and accountable to improve the outcomes for every child. On behalf of the staff, pupils, and families, may we thank all our governors for their unwavering commitment, wise counsel, and steadfast support throughout the year.

Thank You to Our Staff

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all our staff for their dedication, professionalism, and care. They work tirelessly to ensure every child is supported, challenged, and encouraged to reach their full potential. Their commitment to our school community is truly appreciated.

Thank You to Our Parent Community

As we come to the end of another successful school year, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our dedicated and wonderful parents for their unwavering commitment, generosity, time, and energy in supporting our school. Your partnership, encouragement, and involvement have played a vital role in enriching the educational experience of all our children.

We would like to offer special thanks to the PTA Leadership Team – **Mrs Julia Rice, Ms Clare Buckmaster and Mr Panos Loizou** – for their years of dedication and service. Through their commitment, vision and tireless efforts, they have helped to create and sustain a highly successful partnership between the school and our parent community. Their contribution has made a lasting impact and we are deeply grateful for all they have done.

We would also like to thank and welcome **Ms Dorothy Michalek and Ms Yvonne Denty** who have agreed to take on the Leadership of the PTA starting in September.

We are very grateful to all the parent body for continuing to help and support the work of the PTA. Everywhere you look in the school you can see the evidence resulting from the fundraising works and the improvements it makes to the school and therefore to our children's education. Together, our parents help make Hampden Gurney an educational centre of excellence, providing outstanding opportunities and experiences for all our learners.

To all our parents: Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We wish you and your families a happy, restful, and enjoyable summer break.

Farewell and Good Luck

We say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to the next stage of their educational journey. They leave us with many wonderful memories, and we wish them every success and happiness in their new schools. We are confident that the strong foundations they have built here will support them well in all that lies ahead.

We also extend our best wishes to any families who are moving on. Thank you for your contributions to our school community and we hope you keep in touch!

A Final Thank You

I wish all our parents, governors, staff and pupils a relaxing, enjoyable, and safe summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

With best wishes,

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